

What is claimed is:

1 1. A computer system, said computer system comprising:

2 a bus;

3 a central processing unit;

4 memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and  
5 a syntax checker stored in said memory, said syntax checker providing simultaneous  
6 feedback to a user regarding validity of more than one syntactic requirement, said  
7 feedback being simultaneously provided for each of said more than one syntactic  
8 requirement.

1 2. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said syntax checker is a password validation  
2 mechanism.

1 3. A computer system, said computer system comprising:

2 a bus;

3 a central processing unit;

4 memory, said memory being connected to said central processing unit via said bus; and  
5 a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing  
6 simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one  
7 resource.

1 4. The computer system of claim 1 wherein said password validation mechanism  
2 simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.

1 5. The computer system of claim 1 wherein said password validation mechanism  
2 simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

6. The computer system of claim 5 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.

7. A program product, said program product comprising:

signal bearing media; and

a program product disposed on said signal bearing media, said program product being a syntax checker, said syntax checker providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of more than one syntactic requirement, said feedback being simultaneously provided for each of said more than one syntactic requirement.

8. The program product of 7, wherein said syntax checker is a password validation mechanism.

9. A program product, said program product comprising:

signal bearing media;

a program product disposed on said signal bearing media, said program product being a password validation mechanism, said password validation mechanism providing simultaneous feedback to a user regarding validity of a password string for more than one resource.

10. The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each of said more than one resource.

11. The program product of claim 9 wherein said password validation mechanism simultaneously provides feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

1 12. The program product of claim 11 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected  
2 from the group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character  
3 highlighting.

1 13. A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:

2 receiving input information from said user;

3 checking whether said input information conforms with certain syntactical  
4 requirements; and

5 presenting said user with feedback regarding more than one syntactic requirement, said  
6 feedback being simultaneously provided for each of said more than one syntactic  
7 requirement.

1 14. The method of 13, wherein said input information is a password string and wherein  
2 said checking and presenting steps are performed by a password validation mechanism.

1 15. A method for providing feedback to a user, said method comprising the steps of:

2 receiving a password string from said user;

3 checking whether said password string conforms with certain requirements for more  
4 than one password-protected resource; and

5 presenting said user with feedback regarding said certain requirements for each of said  
6 more than one resource.

1 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously  
2 providing feedback for each of said more than one resource.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein said presenting step involves simultaneously  
2 providing feedback for each resource using more than one visual cue.

1 18. The method of claim 17 wherein said more than one visual cue is selected from the  
2 group consisting of icon presentation, message presentation, and character highlighting.

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